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In re U.S. Patent Application of

KOJIMA et al.

Application Number: 10/790,231

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For: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Attorney Docket No. HITA.0519

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	20	20	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	8	8	⁵ (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
TOTAL					0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Preliminary Amendment
w/ claim amendments

[] Preliminary Amendment

[] Substitute Specification

[] Other _____

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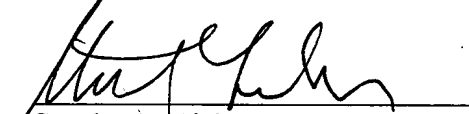
[] Letter to Draftsperson

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: